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SUBJ: REORGANIZATION OF CO "A" MSG BN INTO TWO (2) SEPARATE
COMPANIES

A. STAFF STUDY DTD 4 APR 75; SUBJ: PROPOSED REORG OF CO "A" MSG BN.

B. MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING, DEPT OF STATE/USMC DTD 27 DEC 72.

1. PURPOSE THIS MSG THEREFOLD AS FOL:

A. PROV INFO WITH RESPECT TO REVISED INSPECTION SKED WITHIN CO "A".

B. PROV INFO WITH REPSPECT TO CURRENT CO "A" ACTIONS FOR IMPROVED
ADMINSTRATIVE SUPPORT/CONTINUITY FROM CO HQ FRANKFURT.

C. REQUEST SECSTATE/USMC RESOLUTION ASAP FOR CONCEPT OF TWO
EUROPEAN COMPANIES AND ASSN ADD OFFICER/ENL PERS IAW REF A.

2. THIS MSG FURTHER PROVIDES PLAN FOR SMOOTH EVOLUTION INTO TWO SEP-
ARATE COMPANIES. SUCH ACTION BASED UPON REF. A, ANALYSIS OF PROBLEMS/
REQUIREMENTS HERE IN FRANKFURT, SEMI-ANNUAL INSP VISITS TO FOUR
(4) MSG DETS AND DISCUSSIONS WITH OVER FORTY (40) MARINES.

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3. DURING PERIOD SINCE I ASSUMED COMMAND OF COMPANY "A" ON 11 JULY 75 I HAVE OBSERVED A CRITICAL PROB AND REQUIREMENT FOR OFFICER CONTINUITY AND SOLID ADMIN OF HOME BASE HERE IN FRANKFURT. ROTATION OF CO/XO IN/OUT ON INSP SKED IS CHAOTIC. ABSOLUTE NECESSITY TO MAINTAIN ONE OFFICER (AND THE SAME OFFICER) HERE IN FRANKFURT FULL TIME. EQUALLY IMPORTANT FOR ONE OFFICER (CO) TO CONDUCT ALL SEMI-ANNUAL INSPECITONS ON ALL MSG DETS AND TO INSP ALL DETS WITHIN SIX-MONTH TIME FRAME IAW REF B. SPAN OF LEADER-SHIP/ADMIN SUPPORT FOR THIRTYFIVE (35) DETS EURIPE/367 MARINES TOO BROAD HAVING ADVERSE IMPACT UPON MORALE CO "A" MARINES. CO "A" NOW MORETHAN DOUBLE THE SIZE OF OTHER COMPANIES MSG BN.

4. ACCORDINGLY I HAVE DIR XO CO "A" TO MAINTAIN THE CONTINUITY/ADMIN SUPPORT/CONTROL IN FRANKFURT. THIS WILL NOT PRECLUDE HIS ABSENCE DUR EMERG SIT INCLUDING INVESTIGATIONS OR INSP WHERE-IN I AM CALLED AWAY UNEXPECTEDLY.

5. I WILL CONDUCT ALL SEMI-ANNUAL INSP AS FAR AS PRACTICAL MOVING IN/OUT OF FRANKFURT ON A 50 PER CENT TIME HOME/TIME AWAY BASIS. ON THIS BASIS I CAN INSPECT 15-18 DETS IN A SIX-MONTH PERIOD. INSP OF ALL 35 EUROPEAN DETS WILL TAKE ME APPROX ONE (1) YEAR IN VIOLATION OF REF B (SEMI-ANNUAL REQ) AND TO THE USMC LEADER-SHIP DETRIMENT OF THE DETS AS EXPL FURTHER HEREIN.

6. AFTER 3 SEPT 75 I WILL CONFINE MY INSP VISITS DURING REMAINDER CY 75 TO THE SOUTHERN HALF OF CO A IAW LIST OF DETS ON PAGE C-1 REF A.

7. MSG DETS IN NORTHERN EUROPE WILL NOT BE INSP UNTIL 1976, RESULTING IN DELAY OF ALMOST ONE-YEAR IN SOME CASES FROM DATE OF PREV INSP, UNLESS ADDL OFFICERS ASSIG SOON.

8. CURRENTLY IN PROCESS OF SPLITTING RECORDS, FILES AND SUPPORT FACILITIES IN OC "A" HQ FRANKFURT INTO TWO SEPARATE AND DISTINCT ENTITIES. THIS ACTION BASED UPON ANTICIPATION OF ASAP APPROVAL BETWEEN STATE DEP/USMC OF THE FORMAL SPLIT OF COMPANY "A" AS PROPOSED IN REF A INTO TWO SEPARATE COMPANIES EACH WITH SEPARATE CO (LTCOL), XO (MAJ), AND ADMIN CH (SNCO), PLUS FOUR CLERKS (2 EA CO).

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9. AS ADDITIONAL LTCOL (CO ARRIVES I WOULD PLAN INITALLY TO CHOP COMMAND OF NORTHERN EUR DETS TO HIM AS HE CONDUCTS SEMI-ANNUAL INSP. UPON ASSIGNMENT OF SEPARATE XO TO NEW COMPANY ALL REMAINING NORTHERN EUR DETS WOULD PASS TO NEW COMPANY.

10. 0)1, FOR PRESENT XO CO "A" (CAPT PRINCE) TO SERVE AS HOME-BASE (FRANKFURT) COORDINATOR FOR BOTH COMPAINES UNTIL SUCH TIME AS ADDITIONAL XO (MAJ) ARRIVES AND RECEIVES ORIENTATION INCL ORIEN-

TATION VISIT TO KEY MSG DETS. UPON COMPLETION OF NEW XO ORIENTATION I WOULD PLAN TO RECOMMEND ASSIGNMENT OF CAPT PRINCE SOLELY AS XO OF NORTHERN COMPANY WITH THE NEW LTCOL. COMMAND OF ALL REMAINING NORTHERN DETS WOULD PASS W/SPLIT IN XO'S.

110. NEW XO WOULD SERVE AS XO SOUTHERN EUR COMPANY WITH PRESENT CO XCO "A" LTCOL LAYER. THE SPLIT OF NEW XO/PRESENT XO AND PRESENT CO/NEW XO INTO THE TWO COMPANIES WILL PROVIDE CONTINUITY IN EACH COMPANY AND ESTABLISH OVERLAP ROTATION BASIS CO/XO. PLAN SIMILAR SPLIT IN ENL ADMIN PERS.

12. FOREGOING PLAN WILL HAVE ADVERSE EFFECT ON NORTHERN DETS DIRECTLY PROPORTIONAL TO LENGTH OF TIME PRIOR TO ARRIVAL IN FRANKFURT OF THE NEW LTCOL, MAJ, AND SNCO. SHOULD NEW LTCOL/MAJ ARRIVE BY NOVEMBER 75 ANTICIPATE SEMI-ANNUAL INSPECTION MAY BE BACK ON TRACK BY SPRING 76.

13. ADVERSE EFFECT MY CURRENT INSPECTION SKED AS FOLLOWS:

A. DELAY OF SOME INSPECTION TO ONE YEAR IN VIOLATION OF REF B.

B. DELAY IN INSPECTING STANDARDIZATION/ACCOMPLISHMENT OF PROCEDURES IN RECENTLY REVISED MSG BN SOP'S IN ALL AREAS INCLUDING OPS, TRAINING, LOGISTICS, LEGAL AND INSPECTION.

C. DELAY IN SURFACING OF USMC COMMAND/LEADERSHIP/ADMIN PROBLEMS IN SOME DETS NORMALLY UNCOVERED/RESOLVED DURING SEMI-ANNUAL INSPECTION, PLUS LOWERING OF MARINES MORALE.

D. DELAY IN EVALUATIONS AND FITNESS REPORTS FOR SNCO'S/SGT'S IN SOME DETS WITH POSSIBLE ADVERSE CAREER IMPACT SOME MARINES. (FITNESS REPORTS SUBMITTED/SIGNED BY COMPANY COMMANDER).

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E. DELAY IN DIRECT FACE-TO-FACE USMC OFFICER LEADERSHIP SUPPORT TO SOME DETS.

F. DELAY IN OFFICER CAREER ADVISORY GUIDANCE TO SOME DETS.

G. INCREASED RISK OF DISCIPLINARY PROBLEMS IN SOME DETS.

H. ALL OF THE ABOVE ADVERSE EFFECTS CAN CONTRIBUTE TO DETERIORATING SUPPORT TO STATE DEPT AND INCREASED RISK TO SECURITY OF SOME EMBASSIES/CONSULATES, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF PRESENT CLIMATE INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM.

14. FOREGOING ADVERSE EFFECTS WILL BE MORE THAN OFFSET BY IMPROVED HOME-BASE CONTINUITY/ADMIN COORDINATION FROM FRANKFURT PROVIDED SECSTATE/USMC RESOLUTION IN ASSIGNING ADDITIONAL LTCOL, MAJ, AND SNCO IS

NOT DELAYED.

15. ALTERNATIVE OR TETAINING CO CO "A" IN FRANKFURT WITH SEVERAL OFFICER ASSISTANTS AS INSPECTORS MOST UNDESIROUS IN THAT IT WOULD ESTABL AND ADDITIONAL LAYERING OF COMMAND OF MINI-BN CONCEPT BETWEEN MSG DETS AND CO MSG BN WASHDC ONE COMPANY COMMANDER WOULD CONTINUE TO BE MARKING FITNESS REPORTS ON AN AVERAGE OF APPROX 200 MARINES (SGT'S ABOVE), WITHOUT EVERY OBASERVING THEM.

16 RECOMMEND FOLL ACTIONS ASAP:

A. SECSTATE /UNMC CONCUR IN CONCEPT FOR TWO EUROPEAN COMPANIES (BOTH FRANKFURT BASED) IAW REF A.

B. INITIATE IMMEDIATE ACTION SECSTATE/MUSMC TO INCREASE MSG BN T/O FOR ADD LTCOL, MAJ, SNCO AND CLERKS.

∴ INITIATE IMMEDIATE ACTION SECSTATE/USMC TO SELECT, TRAIN AND ASSIGN REQUIRED PERS TO ARR FRANKFURT NOV/DEC 75.

17 FRANKFURT POST CONCURRENCE FOR SUPPORT OF TWO COMPANY HQS AT FRANKFURT IS CONTAINED PAGE D-1 OF REF -.

18. RSS KEMP DOES NOT CONCUR IN THE PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH TWO MSG COMPANIES IN EUR. HOWEVER, HE BELIEVES THE NEED FOR AN INCREASE IN UNCLASSIFIED

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PERSONNEL FOR CO "A" SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS SET FORTH IN ANNEX E OF REF ABOVE.

19. CO CO "A" SENDS. SULSER

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